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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR EVASION OF  
RESPONSIBILITY BY AN OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE  
CASE OF INJURY OR DAMAGE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-224 of the 2016 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

4 (a) Each operator of a motor vehicle who is knowingly involved in  
5 an accident which results in the death of any other person shall at once  
6 stop and render such assistance as may be needed and shall give such  
7 operator's name, address and operator's license number and  
8 registration number to any officer or witness to the death of any  
9 person, and if such operator of the motor vehicle causing the death of  
10 any person is unable to give such operator's name, address and  
11 operator's license number and registration number to any witness or  
12 officer, for any reason or cause, such operator shall immediately report  
13 such death of any person to a police officer, a constable, a state police  
14 officer or an inspector of motor vehicles or at the nearest police  
15 precinct or station, and shall state in such report the location and

16 circumstances of the accident causing the death of any person and  
17 such operator's name, address, operator's license number and  
18 registration number.

19 (b) (1) Each operator of a motor vehicle who is knowingly involved  
20 in an accident which causes serious physical injury, as defined in  
21 section 53a-3, to any other person shall at once stop and render such  
22 assistance as may be needed and shall give such operator's name,  
23 address and operator's license number and registration number to the  
24 person injured or to any officer or witness to the serious physical  
25 injury to person. If such operator of the motor vehicle causing the  
26 serious physical injury of any person is unable to give such operator's  
27 name, address and operator's license number and registration number  
28 to the person injured or to any witness or officer, for any reason or  
29 cause, such operator shall immediately report such serious physical  
30 injury of any person to a police officer, a constable, a state police officer  
31 or an inspector of motor vehicles or at the nearest police precinct or  
32 station, and shall state in such report the location and circumstances of  
33 the accident causing the serious physical injury of any person and such  
34 operator's name, address, operator's license number and registration  
35 number.

36 (2) Each operator of a motor vehicle who is knowingly involved in  
37 an accident that causes physical injury, as defined in section 53a-3, to  
38 any other person shall at once stop and render such assistance as may  
39 be needed and shall give such operator's name, address and operator's  
40 license number and registration number to the person injured or to any  
41 officer or witness to the physical injury. If such operator of the motor  
42 vehicle causing the physical injury is unable to give such operator's  
43 name, address and operator's license number and registration number  
44 to the person injured or to any witness or officer, for any reason or  
45 cause, such operator shall immediately report such physical injury of  
46 any person to a police officer, a constable, a state police officer or an  
47 inspector of motor vehicles or at the nearest police precinct or station,  
48 and shall state in such report the location and circumstances of the

49 accident causing the physical injury of any person and such operator's  
50 name, address, operator's license number and registration number.

51 (3) Each operator of a motor vehicle who is knowingly involved in  
52 an accident that causes injury or damage to property shall at once stop  
53 and render such assistance as may be needed and shall give such  
54 operator's name, address and operator's license number and  
55 registration number to the owner of the injured or damaged property,  
56 or to any officer or witness to the injury or damage to property, and if  
57 such operator of the motor vehicle causing the injury or damage to any  
58 property is unable to give such operator's name, address and  
59 operator's license number and registration number to the owner of the  
60 property injured or damaged, or to any witness or officer, for any  
61 reason or cause, such operator shall immediately report such injury or  
62 damage to property to a police officer, a constable, a state police officer  
63 or an inspector of motor vehicles or at the nearest police precinct or  
64 station, and shall state in such report the location and circumstances of  
65 the accident causing the injury or damage to property and such  
66 operator's name, address, operator's license number and registration  
67 number.

68 (c) (1) No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any public  
69 highway for a wager or for any race or for the purpose of making a  
70 speed record.

71 (2) No person shall (A) possess a motor vehicle under circumstances  
72 manifesting an intent that it be used in a race or event prohibited  
73 under subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) act as a starter, timekeeper,  
74 judge or spectator at a race or event prohibited under subdivision (1)  
75 of this subsection, or (C) wager on the outcome of a race or event  
76 prohibited under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

77 (d) Each person operating a motor vehicle who is knowingly  
78 involved in an accident on a limited access highway which causes  
79 damage to property only shall immediately move or cause his motor  
80 vehicle to be moved from the traveled portion of the highway to an

81 untraveled area which is adjacent to the accident site if it is possible to  
82 move the motor vehicle without risk of further damage to property or  
83 injury to any person.

84 (e) No person who acts in accordance with the provisions of  
85 subsection (d) of this section may be considered to have violated  
86 subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section.

87 (f) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) or  
88 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section shall be fined not more  
89 than twenty thousand dollars or be imprisoned not less than two years  
90 [nor] or more than twenty years or be both fined and imprisoned.

91 (g) (1) Any person who violates the provisions of subdivision (2) or  
92 (3) of subsection (b) of this section [or subsection (c) of this section]  
93 shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars [nor] or more than six  
94 hundred dollars or be imprisoned not more than [one year] five years  
95 or be both fined and imprisoned, and for any subsequent offense shall  
96 be fined not less than one hundred dollars [nor] or more than one  
97 thousand dollars or be imprisoned not more than [one year] five years  
98 or be both fined and imprisoned.

99 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (c) of this  
100 section shall be fined not less than seventy-five dollars or more than  
101 six hundred dollars or be imprisoned not more than one year or be  
102 both fined and imprisoned, and for any subsequent offense shall be  
103 fined not less than one hundred dollars or more than one thousand  
104 dollars or be imprisoned not more than one year or be both fined and  
105 imprisoned.

106 (h) In addition to any penalty imposed pursuant to subsection (g) of  
107 this section: (1) If any person is convicted of a violation of subdivision  
108 (1) of subsection (c) of this section and the motor vehicle being  
109 operated by such person at the time of the violation is registered to  
110 such person, the court may order such motor vehicle to be impounded  
111 for not more than thirty days and such person shall be responsible for

112 any fees or costs resulting from such impoundment; or (2) if any  
113 person is convicted of a violation of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of  
114 this section and the motor vehicle being operated by such person at the  
115 time of the violation is not registered to such person, the court may  
116 fine such person not more than two thousand dollars, and for any  
117 subsequent offense may fine such person not more than three  
118 thousand dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	14-224
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***JUD***      *Joint Favorable*